

The Hongkong Telegraph.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1893.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND
THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £2,000,000
CAPITAL CALLED-UP £251,093.15.0

BOARD OF DIRECTORS :
Wm. Kewick, Esq., Chairman.
Adolf von Andre, Esq. F. D. Sanson, Esq.
Egbert Iveson, Esq. H. D. Stewart, Esq.
David McLean, Esq.

HONGKONG COMMITTEE :
The Hon. J. J. Kewick, | The Hon. C. P. Chatter-
H. Hopplis, Esq.

Head Office—3, Princes Street, London.
Branches—Bombay, Calcutta, Hongkong, and
Shanghai.
Agents—Penang, Singapore, and Yokohama.

RATES OF INTEREST.
ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS
AND Fixed Deposits, can be ascertained
on application.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.
Hongkong, 10th April, 1893. [199]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,000,000
SUBSCRIBED £1,125,000

BANKERS :
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT
ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent.
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS :—
For 12 Months 4 per cent.
" 6 " 3 " "
" 3 " 2 " "

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [192]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorized Capital £1,000,000
Subscribed Capital £500,000

HEAD OFFICE.—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors :—
Chow Tung Shing, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. Kwan Hoi Chun, Esq.
H. Stollmeyer, Esq.

Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches.—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and
Amoy.

BANKERS :—
The Commercial Bank of Scotland,
Parra Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ltd.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
" 6 " " 4 " "
" 3 " " 3 " "

CURRENT ACCOUNTS
Hongkong, 24th May, 1893. [18]

Insurance.

AN ENDOWMENT
POLICY FOR £500.

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANT-
AGES of this form of Assurance, the
following may be mentioned :—

- (a)—It secures an immediate Provision
for wife and family or other re-
lative in event of early death.
 - (b)—It provides a Fund for Retirement.
 - (c)—It supplies an excellent Investment
for the regular accumulation of
small fixed sums of money.
 - (d)—The Surrender and loan values are
larger than under ordinary Policies.
2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN
THREE YEARS IN FORCE—
should the Policy-holder wish to dis-
continue future payments, he will
be entitled to receive on application,
a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a
proportionate amount of the Sum
Assured, as explained in the Pros-
pectus.

DODWELL, CARILL & Co.,
Agents,
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.
Hongkong, 7th July, 1893. [147]

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE
INSURANCE COMPANY OF
NEW ZEALAND.

THE Underigned are prepared to accept
FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCES on
favourable terms.

Current rates, and a guaranteed Bonus equal
to that paid by the local Offices.

S. J. DAVID & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1893. [415]

General Notice.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAXES 600,000, } £833,333-33-33
EQUAL TO }
RESERVE FUND } £318,000-0-0

BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
LEE SHING, Esq. LO YUK MOON, Esq.
LOU TAO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER.—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES in all parts of
the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRINCE STREET,
Hongkong, 17th December, 1885. [169]

Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TRADE
MARKS of the MAN LOONG (隆隆)
FIRM, Manufacturers of PRESERVED
GINGER, and other SWEETMEATS, have
been registered in this Colony pursuant to
Ordinance No. 16 of 1873.

Head Office.—HONGKONG, CANTON.
Office.—No. 376, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
LEUNG YU SANG, Managers.
WONG HOI CHOW, [159]
Hongkong, 13th May, 1893.

Intimations.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,
LIMITED.
NOTICE.

THE REPORT of the Commission and the
Directors is NOW READY for Inspect-
ion at the Office of the Underigned, between the
hours of 11 and 12 Daily.

A PRIVATE MEETING OF SHAREHOL-
DERS will be held on SATURDAY, 5th Aug.
at 11 A.M., to discuss the same.

By Order,
R. LYALL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th July, 1893. [1842]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDI-
NARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the
SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will
be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on
SATURDAY, the 19th day of August next, at
12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the Court of Directors together
with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June,
1893.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 28th July, 1893. [1846]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGIS-
TERS OF SHARES of the CORPORATION will
be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 6th
to 19th day of August next, (both days inclusive),
during which period no TRANSFER OF SHARES
can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 28th July, 1893. [1847]

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO
STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of 6 PER
CENT., or \$1.20 per Share, declared at
the Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Share-
holders held this day, will be PAYABLE at the
HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING COR-
PORATION on and after MONDAY, the 31st inst.

SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply at
the Office of the Company for WARRANTS.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 29th July, 1893. [1854]

Notice.

DURING my temporary absence from the
Colony, Mr. WILLIAM PENDER
MACLEAN, who holds my Power of Attorney,
will conduct the business of The Hongkong
Telegraph.

R. FRASER-SMITH,
Editor and Proprietor.

Hongkong, 7th July, 1893.

Lost.

FROM Kennedy's Horse Repository on
Sunday, A FOX TERRIER SLUT,
White with brown ears; brown spot on tail.
Reward on return.

Hongkong, 27th July, 1893. [840]

TO THOSE WHO
VALUE THEIR SIGHT.

NOTICE.
MR. N. LAZARUS,

OPHTHALMIC OPTICIAN.

By appointment to
H. H. THE MARQUIS OF DUFFERIN,
EX-VICE-ROY OF INDIA,
&c., &c., &c.

Is now here
And, previous to establishing
A LOCAL AGENCY
May be consulted for
SPECTACLES

at the
HONGKONG HOTEL
until the 10th instant.

The system of Sight-testing (patent 4,354),
invented by him is now being universally
adopted, and Mr. LAZARUS specially invites
the Medical Profession and all interested in
OPTICAL SCIENCE to see this Beautiful Test
and the latest improvements in
LENSES AND FRAMES.

As prescribed by Ophthalmic Surgeons.
Hongkong, 12th July, 1893. [1791]

An Appeal.

THE SUPERIORESS of the ITALIAN
CONVENT, CANOE ROAD, begs most
respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of
Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind
patronage and support, and desires to state that
she will be pleased to receive orders for all
kinds of NEEDLE WORK.

Consignments of Shirts made to order, and Cuffs
and Collars renewed on old ones.

Ladies' and Children's Under-clothing,
Children's Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery.
Materials can be supplied, if required.

The Superiress will also be most grateful for
any PAPER, or old ENVELOPES to be made into
Books for the Children of the Poor Schools, who
are taught by the Sisters.

Hongkong, 22nd April, 1891. [409]

King Wo Cheong.

COAL MERCHANTS, SHIP'S COMPRA-
DORES, STEVEDORES, &c.

Have for Sale a cargo of pure AKAIKI COAL,
or GODOWN and or SHIP.

Intimations.

W. BREWER.

NEW STOCK ARTISTS' MATERIALS.

New Stock Ladies' Shoes.
Tennis Bats, Balls, Nets, &c.
Hand-painted Photo-camers.
Photo Albums.
Photo Scenery.
New French Novels.

BOOKS OF TRAVELS.

New Music, 5 pieces for \$1.
Badminton, Shooting, Cricket, Fishing, Tennis,
Coursing and Falconry, Hunting and Driving.
Billiards by Cook.
Essays on Naval Defence.
Brassie's Naval Annual.

W. BREWER,

UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL,
QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 12th July, 1893.

CENTRAL HOTEL,
SHANGHAI.

THIS long established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river, in the
centre of the Settlements, has lately undergone extensive alterations, and is now fitted with
the latest modern improvements, including Bath and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites
and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid on, DOUCHE, SHOWER SPRAYS, etc., and heated
to a comfortable temperature during winter.

SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.
The Electric Lighting now partly laid on will be completed during this year, 1893.

An Assistant will attend on Passengers by Mail Steamers.

N.B.—TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:—"CENTRAL, SHANGHAI."

F. E. REILLY,
PROPRIETOR.

W. POWELL & CO.

NEW SHIPMENT OF

OIL COOKING
STOVES,
EVERY SIZE.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 29th July, 1893.

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

JUST LANDED

CAPSTAN NAVY
CUT.

MILD, MEDIUM OR FULL FLAVOURED IN HALF POUND AND QUARTER POUND
TINS.

PIONEER BRAND.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 22nd July, 1893.

THE

HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremlin"—A. B. C. Code.—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East,
affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of
the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf
(the principal landing-stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping
Offices.

THE HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers.
THE TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the cuisine being
under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to
spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communications.
The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new, Bar and public
BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.
A handsomely appointed GRILL ROOM, where chops, steaks, &c., are served at any hour
adjacent the HOTEL, and is under the same Management.

THE WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied.
HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers
and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER
Manager.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1893. [108]

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTING AND HOSIERY.

SUMMER UNDERWEAR, SHIRTS AND COLLARS.

NEW SCARFS AND TIES.

RAIN COATS AND CHAIR APRONS.

UMBRELLAS, LEGGINGS, RUBBER BOOTS.

HATS.

TENNIS SHIRTS, TENNIS SCARFS, TENNIS SHOES, TENNIS BATS,

TENNIS BALLS, TENNIS NETS.

BATHING DRAWERS, BATHING DRESSES, SPONGES, TOWELS, BATH SUNDRIES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 14th July, 1893. [107]

Intimations.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that on and after
the 1st day of September next, LEGAL
PROCEEDINGS will be commenced in the
Supreme Court of Hongkong in its SUMMARY
JURISDICTION, in accordance with the provisions
of Ordinance No. 13 of 1879, for the RECO-
VERY of all CROWN RENTS due for the
half-year ended 24th June, 1893, which may then
be unpaid and in Arrear without further notice
being given.

Dated this 26th day of July, 1893.

N. G. MITCHELL-INNES,
Colonial Treasurer.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE SHORT RANGE CUP AND SPOONS
will be shot for on SATURDAY, 5th
August.—Range, 500 and 600 yards. Time, 3
P.M.

ED. ROBINSON,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 31st July, 1893. [51]

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

AFTER this date NO FULLY PAID-UP
SHARES of this Company will be
TRANSFERRED on which the Calls on the
NEW SHARES standing in the same Name
remain unpaid.

By Order,
R. LYALL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1893. [444]

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,
LIMITED.

SUMMER CHARGES.

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER,
\$75 PER MONTH
for BOARD AND LODGING in ROOMS facing
Pedder Street or to the Eastward.

FURNISHED ROOMS without Board
\$45 Per Month.

Apply to Manager and/or Secretary.
HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1893. [587]

THOMAS' GRILL ROOMS,
(Corner of Queen's Road and Duddell Street.)

THE Underigned has always thought that
such a place as this was the one thing
needed to fit in between HOTEL LIFE and the
PRIVATE BOARDING HOUSE—providing it be
First-class in every detail. A place where one
may have his GRILLED CHOP or STEAK
at any hour of the Day, up to 11 P.M.; or later
if notice be given. He is also prepared to
SUPPLY MEALS to PRIVATE PARTIES
per MENU or ORDER—the Parties sending
Dishes, &c., for same—and Cash. Scale on
application.

Monthly Board for One Person...\$35.00
Tiffin\$15.00
AMERICAN FROZEN OYSTERS always
on hand and served in every Style.

Breakfast\$0.50
Tiffin\$0.75
Dinner\$1.00
SPECIAL TIFFINS and DINNERS served
in Excellent Style at short notice.

W. THOMAS,
Proprietor.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1893. [528]

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

COMFORTABLY FURNISHED or UN-
FURNISHED ROOMS, with Board and
Table Accommodation.

Apply to
Mrs. MATHER,
2, Pedder's Hill.

Hongkong, 28th February, 1893. [56]

J. W. KEW & CO'S
STEAM WATER BOATS.

PURE FRESH WATER.

THE attention of SHIPOWNERS, AGENTS and
CAPTAINS is called to the Superior Quality
of TYTAM FILTERED WATER offered by
J. W. KEW & Co., also to the advantages
derived from their being able to Supply their
Water in one-fourth the time occupied by the
old fashioned and obsolete hand pumps.

No impeding the loading or discharging of
Cargo.

Quickest despatch with lowest possible rates.
J. W. KEW & Co.,
c/o Carmichael & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 13th June, 1893. [1684]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship
"STRATHLEVEN,"
Comrack, Commander, will be despatched for
the above Ports on or about the 2nd August.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd July, 1893. [844]

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Steamship
"STRATHDON,"
Captain W. Waring, will be despatched as above
on or about WEDNESDAY, the 2nd August.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARILL & Co.,
Agents.

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

FOR KOBE.
THE Steamship
"TORRIDON,"
Captain Byron, will be despatched as above
on THURSDAY, the 3rd August, at 5 P.M.

For Freight, apply to
JOHN ANDREW,
Agent.

18, Praya Central,
Hongkong, 27th July, 1893. [842]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STRAM NAVIGA-
TION COMPANY.

UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN
GOVERNMENT.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,
BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,
BRINDISI, VENICE, Fiume,
AND TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA,
MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA,
LEVANT and ADRIATIC PORTS).

THE Company's Steamship

"GISELA,"
Captain F. Vossowich, will be despatched as
above on SATURDAY, the 5th August, at Noon.

Cargo will not be received on board after 3
P.M. prior to date of sailing.

For further information as to Passage and
Freight, apply to
C. ZANELLA,
Agent.

Hongkong, 22nd July, 1893. [783]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR KOBE.

THE Steamship
"MENMUIR,"
Captain H. Craig, will be despatched as above
on or about FRIDAY, the 4th August.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 28th July, 1893. [848]

"GIBB" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR ROCKHAMPTON, BRISBANE,
SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Taking through Cargo for ADELAIDE, TASMA-
NIA and NEW ZEALAND PORTS).

THE Steamship
"SIKH,"
Captain Rowley, will be despatched as above
on or about 6th August.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation
for Saloon Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 28th July, 1893. [849]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship
"BENLARIQ,"
Captain Le Bouillier, is due here on or about

Intimations.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

AERATED WATERS.

AM PLANT.—Of the latest and most powerful type.

SUPERVISION.—The whole process of manufacture is under the continuous supervision of a qualified English Chemist.

The PRODUCT.—Will bear comparison with the Waters made by the most noted makers in England.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co., LD.,

VICTORIA DISPENSARY. [38]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.



CHEMISTS BY APPOINTMENT.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

MANUFACTURERS OF AERATED WATERS.

OUR NEW FACTORY has been recently refitted with automatic Steam Machinery of the latest and most approved kind, and we are well able to compete in quality with the best English makers:

The purest ingredients only are used, and the utmost care and cleanliness are exercised in the manufacture throughout.

"BOMBAY SODAS."

We continue to supply large bottles as heretofore. *Free of Extra Charge*, to those of our Customers who prefer to have them to the ordinary size.

COAST PORT ORDERS, whenever practicable, are despatched by first steamer leaving after receipt of order.

For COAST PORTS, Waters are packed and placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and the full amount allowed for Packages and Emplies when received in good condition. Counterfoil Order Books supplied free on application.

Our Registered Telegraphic Address is "DISPENSARY, HONGKONG." And all signed messages addressed thus will receive prompt attention.

The following is a List of Waters always kept ready in Stock:—

PURE AERATED WATER

SODA WATER

LEMONADE

POTASH WATER

SELTZER WATER

LITHIA WATER

SARSAPARILLA WATER

TONIC WATER

LEMON SQUASH

GINGER ALE

RASPBERRYADE

GINGERADE

No Credit given for Bottles that look dirty or greasy, or that appear to have been used for any other purpose than that of containing Aerated Waters, as such Bottles are never used again by us.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,

o The Hongkong Dispensary, Hongkong.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

DEATH.

At Hoihow, on the 29th July, E. HERTON, aged about 50 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1893.

TELEGRAMS.

FRANCE AND SIAM.

LONDON, July 31st.

Despite Siam's acceptance of the French ultimatum in its entirety, the French have occupied the Island of Koh-i-chang and expelled the residents, including the Siamese Customs officials.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Friesland* left Yokohama for Hakodate on July 18th.

Home Secretary Ashurst has abolished from and other mechanical punishments in English prisons.

The band of the 1st Buffs Light Infantry will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess, Messy Barracks, this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock:—

March—"Marching thro' Georgia".....Miles.

Quadrille—"Merry-go-round".....Williams.

Solo—"The Merry-go-round".....Williams.

Value—"The Merry-go-round".....Williams.

H.M.S. *Severn* arrived to-day from Japan, the first of these recalled for service (if needed) in Siamese waters.

A COMET with a very long tail has recently been visible from Miyazaki prefecture and other districts in South Japan.

GERMANY has a military chest of £10,000,000. France has £6,000,000 in gold, whilst Russia is said to have £100,000,000.

THE record in the *Chikima-Ravenna* appeal case was completed and forwarded to the Shanghai Supreme Court on July 10th.

PHOTOGRAPHER: Here's a picture of your wife I took to-day. I call it a speaking likeness. Husband: It must be if it is anything like her.

INVESTIGATIONS conducted under the auspices of the Osaka Agricultural School have proved that a silk cocoon may contain 2,650 feet of silk.

A CORDED bottle thrown overboard in mid-ocean once travelled 6,000 miles in two years and a half, or at the rate of six and one-half miles a day.

THE Agents (Messrs. Dodwell, Carill & Co.) inform us that the steamship *Moray* left Singapore for this port to-day, and is due on or about the 7th inst.

At the Magistrate to-day, before Capt. Hastings, R.N., a couple was sent to gaol for four months for stealing two watches from his employer, Mr. Farmer, of the Victoria Hotel.

MR. AUGUSTIN HEARD, United States Minister to Corea, left Yokohama for the United States by the Pacific Mail Co.'s steamer *City of New York* on Saturday, the 22nd ulto.

MR. N. LARZOU, ophthalmic optician, notified by advertisement that his stay in Hongkong will terminate on the 10th inst. His rooms are in the Hongkong Hotel where he receives patients daily.

The price of rice has risen considerably in Japan of late, principally owing to the depreciation of silver, the drought in various parts of the country, and the unsettled state of affairs in Siam.

THE Kowloon ferry launch *Evening Star* has now resumed running after being laid up for about a fortnight, during which she was thoroughly surveyed and overhauled, at a cost of some \$300.

It is reported from Nagasaki under date July 10th that the war-ship *Takao* was to leave that port the following day to meet three other Japanese men-of-war at Port Hamilton. What's in the wind now, we wonder!

THE steamship *Devawongse*, that arrived here to-day from Bangkok, reports having on the 26th ulto, at 6.30, when off the Brothers, passed two French men-of-war bound West, and at 2.30 p.m. on the same day one French gunboat and two torpedo-boats steering South-west.

MONDAY next the 7th inst. (6th moon 15th day), being the birthday of His Majesty the Emperor of China, will be observed as a holiday at the Kowloon Customs Office. Examination Bulk and Station. All examination of cargo and clearances of junks will be suspended on that date.

"MARRIAGE is an investment for a woman and a speculation for a man," says somebody, but in the eighteen divorces granted by a Sydney judge at one sitting the other day, twelve wives petitioned as against six petitioning husbands. So it's seemingly rather a speculation for both parties.

THE presents sent to the Princess May have been valued at a quarter of a million sterling. Was it poor York's first matrimonial duty, we wonder, to waste through the collection accompanied by some professional valuator with labels, yelling out "This lot so much" etc.? Or was the valuation guesswork only?

THE steamer which the *Ravenna* observed ashore on the 26th ulto, off Triton Island, and from which she received no answer to her signals, turns out to have been only the *Nanting*, which was wrecked there as daily reported in our columns some two months ago. Of course, there was nobody on board to respond.

At the Magistrate to-day, before Comr. Hastings, R.N., assistant magistrate, Wong Kam, an officer of the Opium Farm, was charged with attempting to bribe police sergeant Alexander McIvor on July 22nd, and to induce him to neglect his duty by not interfering with the transport of opium in sampans from West Point through the harbour towards Cap-sul-moon. Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., instructed by Mr. H. L. Denay, appeared for the defence. The Captain Superintendent, Mr. May, watched the case for the Crown, unassisted by any of the law officers. Prisoner was discharged, for want of evidence.

THE Nippon Yusen Kaisha's new line of steamers between Japan and Bombay, via Hongkong, Singapore, Penang and Colombo, will be inaugurated in September. It is intended that the steamers shall carry coal to Bombay, where it is expected the cheap Japanese fuel will find a ready and profitable market, and arrangements have been entered into with the Mitsui Bishi Co. for opening agencies at that port for the sale of coal to the Indian cotton mills. The Japanese steamer will probably be the *Wakatsuru-maru*, a vessel which is said to be admirably adapted for the trade. Keen competition is expected from the P. & O. S. N. Co., but the Directors of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, relying on their special contract with the Japanese Cotton Spinners Association that no other vessels but the N. Y. K.'s fleet are to be utilized, are confident of holding their own against all opposition.

YESTERDAY'S Gymkhana was about the feeblest exhibition in the line of sport that has ever taken place in Kowloon Valley and about the Committee promptly berated themselves and drew up a programme worthy the recognition of the general public these afternoon gatherings, which at the outset promised to be so enjoyable, will become the laughingstock of the community and will certainly be left for the sole delectation of the Committee and a few of their personal friends. How a body of grown men can be so utterly childish as to countenance such fooleries, and to be so utterly stupid as to allow the public to be so utterly deceived, is a mystery. Naturally the tug-of-war didn't come off yesterday although a few men really did turn out for the flat races. *Especially* it does so it is to be hoped that the subject of yesterday's meeting will convince the men who were elected to conduct these Gymkhana that it is at least if they are running this business for the general public, if they are not doing so, let it be so understood and nothing more will be said on the subject.

THE chances are more than two to one that a woman will marry between the ages of 20 and 25.

It is reported, says the *Yokohama Advertiser*, that Mr. Otori, Japanese Minister to China and Corea, will shortly leave Tokyo for Seoul, some important business at the Korean capital requiring his immediate attention.

A FRIEND has sent us quite a cargo of Bangkok pumpkins. We appreciate the courtesy but for the life of us cannot understand why the Siamese authorities allowed them to pass; they should have been utilized as cannon-balls against the French invaders.

OPERATIONS for the raising of the sunken *Amigo* are being pushed ahead with all speed and the probabilities are that the wreck will be raised on Thursday or Friday. The work is being carried on under the direction of Mr. T. C. Hutchings, of the Dock Company.

At the British Consular Court, Kobe, on July 10th, Neli Smith, seaman on the British ship *Orpheus*, was formally committed for trial for stabbing and dangerously wounding Henry Regan, a shipmate on board that vessel in Kobe harbour on the 15th ulto.

A LONDON paper stiltily observes: "Nightly the walls of the West London music-hall echo the powerful voice of Charles Harding singing 'My Motherland,' written and composed by Luscombe & Serelle." This sounds high and mighty, *cher ami* Charles, but what about your Hongkong creditors? Are they to go on summering 'I'm still waiting for thee' for ever and a day?

THE net profit of the Grand Hotel, Yokohama, for the half-year ended June 30th, after providing for general expenses, directors' and auditors' fees, interest, and depreciation, and after writing off bad and doubtful debts, amounted to \$25,000. Of this sum \$15,000 were set aside to pay a dividend of six per cent. for the year, \$5,000 for reduction of the Company's debt, and \$5,000 to be carried forward to new account.

THE steamer *Teresa*, which arrived in Penang from Singapore the other day, brought in two Fokien Chinese who had been picked up on the trip. The two unfortunate men were seen clinging to a boat which had "turned turtle" and it seems that they had been in that position for 72 hours. According to their story, they were fishermen belonging to a place called Tanah Patch, somewhere in Sumatra. They were out fishing when they were caught in a squall and their boat capsized. They hung on to the boat, and after having drifted for three days and three nights and suffering the greatest privations, they were sighted and picked up by the *Teresa*. The men being Dutch subjects were handed over to the Netherlands consul.

A WAIPAWA Maori chief, who had purchased a coffin for the convenience of a near relative, "borrowed" from a white undertaker a handsome black velvet pall—to imitate the *pakeha* (white man) in some of his funeral arrangements. When the undertaker called, a few days later, along with the dead Maori—all articles used in connection with Maori burials being *tapu*, or untouchable by the living. The *pakeha* swore that he would dig up the pall, and at latest, the chief was sitting in front of his relative's sepulchre, wrapped in a blanket, and with a loaded shot-gun between his knees, while a wild-eyed undertaker, with a spade up the back of his coat, was waiting for his adversary to move off for a drink.

ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	
Statistics for July, 1893.	
In-Patients remaining in Hospital on 1st July.....	73
In-Patients admitted to Hospital during July.....	47
Total number treated as In-Patients 120	
Of these there were:—	
Discharged cured.....	40
Discharged relieved.....	9
Discharged on other grounds.....	3
Died in Hospital.....	0
In-Patients remaining in Hospital on 1st August.....	68
Out-Patients, new cases.....	822
Out-Patients, return visits.....	1,067
Total number of Out-Patient visits 1,889	

JOHN C. THOMSON, M.A., M.D., Superintendent.

SUPREME COURT.

IN APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

(Before the Full Court.)

August 1st.

WHO OWNS THE CHINESE "QUINTANTS"?

Mr. H. E. Peltch, instructed by Mr. C. D. Williams, applied for leave to appeal in two suits against an defendant, involving property claimed by a third party, Wong Cheung Chun, on whose behalf an interpleader suit had been brought without success, leading to the present motion.

From the statements of counsel it appeared that the property to dispute was a steam-launch used by the Wong family in the protection of their monopoly of the Canton salt trade in fact, it was one of the "mosquito fleet" of Chinese launches, run by irresponsible native officials to the prejudice of trade. A dispute occurred in the Wong family, when a Mr. Wong was sued by his creditors, who obtained an interim attachment order against the launch, which was said to be his property, and which he was said to be intending to sell, thus evading his creditors. The rest of the Wong clan then rose up in a body and claimed that the launch was theirs, not his, and could not be seized for his creditors. They entered an interpleader, which was not upheld, the Police Judge finding against them; hence the present appeal, by Wong Cheung Chun, claiming to be representative head of the Wong family and rightful owner of the launch. The motion for leave to appeal was grounded both on fact and on law.

After consideration, the Chief Justice said the Court refused leave to appeal on fact, and would decide whether or not to grant it on the question of law in a day or two.

SELAMA TIN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders in this company was held to-day. Mr. J. Orange presided, and there were also present Messrs. D. Giller, W. H. Ray (Director), W. H. Potts (Secretary), R. C. Wilcox, J. B. Comptons, and R. K. Leigh.

The Chairman mentioned that as this meeting was adjourned from yesterday, when there was no quorum, it was not now necessary to have a quorum, according to the Articles of Association.

The Secretary read the original notice of meeting, and the notice of the adjournment. The Chairman asked if there were any questions to answer or information to give before proposing the confirmation of the special resolutions passed for the purpose of winding up the company.

There being no questions the resolutions were confirmed *unanimously* on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Wilcox.

THE HONGKONG THERMOMETER.

80 deg.—How fair the morn! The breezes lift and kiss
The flying flags, and from the sleeping camp
The bugle calls,—(But gracious, what is this?)
My cuffs and collar are already damp!

85 deg.—The sunlight lids the window-panes and walls;
The early brokers set their nets for prey;
The coolies shout, and lead the huckster call;
(This is my second handkerchief to-day!)

90 deg.—The orb of day ascends the azure arch;
The costermonger stentoriously toots;
(My collar's melted in a sea of starch
And half my singlet's down into my boots.)

95 deg.—Upon the bay the sampans-malden piles
Her stalwart oars in many a silver track;
(A stream of perspiration's in my eyes
While shirt and coat are glued unto my back.)

100 deg.—Afar the ocean thunders on the rocks
In solemn cadence like a magic spell.
(I must go home and change my clothes and socks;
A hundred in the shade? Well, this is H—!)

THE JINGLER.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

THE MACAO HARBOUR.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." SIR,—I wish to call your attention to a mistake in your yesterday's leader for the Macao and its harbour. In this as in all paragraphs of the same subjects, you write of this steamer being "stuck" for hours together, &c., which is quite false and calculated to do me harm. Being stopped or anchored well outside in deep water waiting for a rising tide does not mean being stuck. As this ship's bottom is of steel and so would suffer by being in contact with the mud, I always avoid it as much as possible.

I quite agree with the rest of your article and feel glad to think you give it the attention it deserves.

Remain, Sir,
Yours, etc.,

W. E. CLARKE,

Master, Steamship *Huangshan*.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1893.

We publish Captain Clarke's letter with pleasure as it gives him an opportunity of affirming that his vessel has never touched the mud banks that invite navigation through the approaches of the Macao Harbour; but at the same time we take the liberty of pointing out to the gallant skipper that it makes little difference to the passengers who travel on his popular boat whether the vessel is stopped by an actual mud bank or by a scarcity of muddy water only. It was not our intention to cast any slur on Captain Clarke's navigating abilities; but rather to draw attention to the almost insuperable difficulties he, and other captains, met with when entering that harbour. Technically, we were "stuck," wrong in stating that "the *Huangshan* had been frequently stuck for hours in the mud," but there is such slight difference between being stuck in soft mud and being stuck for want of pea-soup water that we think the "correction" doesn't amount to much. The fact remains that this steamer is often detained and we used it as one of the strongest arguments we could possibly adduce as to the absolute necessity for prompt action on the part of the Macao authorities.—Ed. H. K. Telegraph.

THE GYMKHANAS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." SIR,—You are generally allowed to be well posted in sporting matters and I would be obliged if you will answer the following question: Old Mrs. Hamschwabs, with characteristic kindness of intention, offered to nominate me for the next "Ladies' Nomination." I would like to be her champion on the occasion but I do not exactly know the proper procedure in such cases. Should I take the Committee down for the purpose of effecting an introduction, allego, or in a body? Mrs. H. would be very pleased to meet them for she is not at all proud, but I am anxious to do the thing in style. Will you kindly advise me in this delicate matter?

Yours, etc.,

A LOVER OF THE GAME.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1893.

[Although at all times desirous of meeting the wishes of our correspondents we must really draw the line in so intricate a business as "A Lover of the Game" has on hand. With best wishes we turn him over to the "Committee of the Gymkhana Meetings."—Ed.]

A RATEPAYER'S WOE!

OR

PAST AND PRESENT.

If the columns of the *Hongkong Telegraph*, so profusely versatile in the profundity of its wisdom, in the striking originality of its thought, and the fearlessness of its dictation, are open to a tale of woe which will draw tears of hearted consideration from the many subscribers and ten-cent readers, I would claim from the Editor his permission that these lines may occupy a space in the forthcoming issue so that the harassing events here chronicled may have as wide-spread a circulation as your newspaper enjoys.

[Come on! We never refuse to print anything which begins with such graceful and—ahem!—well-merited compliments to ourselves.]

Feeling as I am that ruthless Autocrat who, determined and none other, may consign my pinyu offering to the W. P. B., I will nevertheless baptize it and send it to your office, when I trust its comeliness will recommend it to due consideration.

[“Pinyu” is good for a scrawl of this length.]

An apology to the reader is in the first place necessary for the style herein adopted; it is of

myself I am writing, since there is nobody for whom I entertain sentiments of greater respect and regard; but the surroundings of my story are general and thereon it hangs.

[The meaning of this last line is not quite clear; but unfortunately it does not seem to mean that our correspondent has since hanged himself.]

PAST AND PRESENT.

Alas! I am an unhappy man! It is but a short time since the day when no ray of sunshine in its purest refugence was brighter than I, but the thunder-clouds of my destiny have gathered overhead, and like a pall shut out the sunshine of my existence, with not even a silver lining to give me hope of a brighter day. The forecast looks all gloom, and I am the utter antithesis of my former self. But why any more preamble? Why dilate further on my downcast fortune? All and very much more is summed up when I declare myself a Hongkong Tax Payer, i.e., a British slave. Yes! upon the honour of a man the two are synonymous in Hongkong.

In my happy days, which are not remote, I enjoyed the luxury of a well-ordered home; frugal in my living, and simple in my pleasures, time sped merrily along; the petty larcenies of my Chinese servants cast as little shadow on the day-dream of my existence as a butterfly flitting across a landscape. This Arcadian life beguiled the time away without much notice being taken of the changes going on around me. These principally consisted of an increase in the number of residents of a type inferior to the original inhabitants, an increase in the cost of living and an increase in rent and taxes. In the meantime foreign honours were being pulled down to make room for Chinese tenements; along the coast substantial buildings were being pulled to the ground from the Stag Hotel, gradually extending eastwards to the clock-tower. At the instigation of the speculator, the once noble-looking buildings of the Oriental Bank were wiped out of existence to make room for a row of unsightly Chinese shops; the hands of the speculator were stretched over the city until from the Praya on one side upwards to Hollywood Road on the other, every foreign bungalow came down, and what was not destroyed by the contractor was consumed by the great fire of 1873. There was now also a downward rolling of the dollar, and great fluctuation in stock. To negotiate these fluctuations there now appeared a dark, beetle-browed crowd of swartly loaders, who hung about the approaches of the Hongkong Hotel and wrangled over business at the doorway in high and excited tones and many strange languages; and like a flock of vultures were ever on the look-out for the unwary. From the unhappy Colony is even daily plagued by the arrival of increasing hordes of Government bad-bargains, who may be described as so many locusts with open and hungry maws, ever ready to seize the first opportunity of devouring each dollar that chance or carelessness may place within their reach.

Unhappy Britons! how often these opportunities lead on the hungry hordes of officials, daily experience abounds.

Stupid Citizens are those who, however good in parts they may be, are carried away by the enthusiasm of a highly imaginative nature, become the mouth-pieces of meddlers, and without an atom of right for doing so assume to ratify by asserting that we are willing to disburse our hard-earned dollars towards providing securities for needy place-seekers; and often do those meddlers bolster up the inordinate multiplicity of official jobs. Who raised the officials' salaries in 1889?

I have before me now the special pleading for the expenditure of \$66,000 on a building at the Peak, where the overtaxed energy of an overworked Governor may be restored to him in that cloudland. The pleading, which is a bantling of one with boot-clearing proclivities, is considered by us (I can vouch for many) as being very timely. In the past our Governors were wont to take their mountain airings modestly domiciled in Mountain Lodge. But now, this Mountie who seeks to draw so large a sum from the attenuated public purse, can have little knowledge of what should constitute the personality of a distinguished position as that of a representative of the British Crown. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales is satisfied with Sandringham House in Norfolk, a very time-worn Elizabethan structure, although, alas! the seat of Lord Stafford, is a vastly more modern and comfortable abode of the Earl of Leicester, and about a score of others all in the same neighbourhood, are greatly superior to the house which satisfies Royalty itself.

Where, I would like to know, is situated on this terrestrial sphere a better arranged government house? Where can any visitors get more ample accommodation?

But the government maw is as widely open as the recumbent crocodile's, nor can we satisfy the cravings of the official vultures. Now, Governor Robinson he it said with all due respect (and I bow) that outside Paradise none are domiciled perfectly for their liking; the lost (not missing) link connecting the colony of "Many Mansions" to ours of a few, was obliterated and for ever lost by the gross folly of Adam, and the very unsatisfactory curiosity of Eve; since then our comfort and importance (our tailors make us misfits, and our shoe makers pinch us sorely). These facts, together with the numerous imaginary evils of our surroundings, are fundamental to this world and prove us to be what we are—Poor Mortal Clods!

It is necessary that the reader should bear in mind these circumstantial surroundings to my tale of woe, which will now unfold itself.

It was at the close of a close afternoon in the autumn of the year of grace 1888, that a remarkably handsome man, tall and well formed, and of the wildest years of early manhood, might be seen strolling along the Queens Road. In the words of the poet, "That was Me," the hero of this tale; no unnecessary mystery of romance shall shroud my personality from the readers of the *Hongkong Telegraph* (which as a matter of history it may be mentioned in *passant* was established that year). Having passed by the Oriental Bank buildings, I hurried on in the direction of the clock tower. The several offices were closed and brightly youths were waiting for what honours the streets might have to offer. The noisy "kicks" and their turbulent drivers, were fast becoming filled with sedan chairs; towards West Point the sun was setting in a resplendent profusion of golden light, and hurrying clouds were getting mixed up and forming varying tints in the zenith as upon a squalid palette. A solitary dog was sniffing around, making strenuous efforts to catch a very short and stumpy tail, when he passed with head on one side as if to count the strokes that now rang out from the Clock Tower.

[Don't see where the tale of woe comes in, unless this was it.—Ed.]

I am not expecting my readers to wait with such patience as did the dog, but will inform them at once that the hour was seven. "Half an hour before dinner," said I, "I am sorry to go to the Recreation Club; I have to be but time for a smile, and the Hongkong Hotel being quite as smiling as a sunset at the Club."

The retrospective glance I am giving appeals with wonderful force to the strangers of the past to do anything at all in so short a time as the half hour before dinner.

[Beside, there are not many people now who can calmly contemplate spending twenty-five cents all at once.]

Such these quick-silver temperaments are peccadilloed by the great Architect of the universe to keep the world fit and free from the probability of stagnation. Had I but taken this view of the situation then, it appears to me, almost moral certainty that I would ere this have been the governor of an Island like our mutual friends Sarcho Pansa and Governor Robinson; but each one of us would seem to be preoccupied drawn to our families in the same manner that no molecules seek their kind, and mine are apparently outside of government houses, more's the pity. But I really must curb my proclivities to run away fast, as my reader will be anxious to share my woe both past and present; and myself and the dog are the only characters as yet introduced.

How I spent that half hour will be related in another issue and will be duly notified.

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